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Hadassah Give or Get Dinner



Mrs. A. SILVERMAN

One of the most dynamic personalities in world Zionism today, Mrs. Archibald Silverman of Providence, Rhode Island, will address the annual Hadassah Give or Get Dinner to be held Tuesday evening, December 8th, 7.30 p.m. at the Chateau Laurier.

Mrs. Silverman recently returned from England, where her tour in behalf of Zionist endeavors was acclaimed as a brilliant success. She has since then visited dozens of communities in the United States and Canada, and has in every instance captivated her listeners by the energetic manner in which she presents her material.

The program for the occasion will include music by Mrs. Tania Plaw, a graduate of the National Conservatory of Music in Paris; the lighting of the Chanukah Candles by Rev. J. Rabin; Chanukah Greetings by Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman; the introduction of the speaker by Mrs. Bernard M. Alexandor, and the vote of thanks to the speaker moved by Mrs. S. J. Ritt. The chairman of the evening will be Mrs. Louis Coplan, who is the president of the Ottawa Council of Hadassah.

In her statement to the Bulletin, Mrs. Ritt, convener of the dinner, said, "We would urge all who can to attend this affair and take the opportunity and privilege of hearing our brilliant speaker. Our work in Palestine in view of recent world events merits your full support."

Hillel Director Guest Speaker Friday Evening

Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, the director of the Bnai Brith Hillel Foundation at Queen's University in Kingston, will be the guest speaker at the regular Oneg Shabbat Assembly next Friday evening, 8.30 p.m. at the Congregation Adath Jeshurun, King Edward Avenue. Although only a few months in Canada, he has already earned for himself a wide circle of admirers because of his enthusiastic oratory, his devoted interest in Jewish youth, and his warm personality. (The entire Sabbath is Annual Mizrahi Sabbath, and Rabbi Klaperman will preach Saturday morning at the Cong. Agudath Achim, Rideau Street, in Yiddish.)

The Oneg Shabbat guest speaker for Friday night, January 1st, will be Rabbi A. D. Burack of New York City, one of the most prominent members of the traditional American rabbinate and a faculty member of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary.

The sermons to be delivered by Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman at the other Oneg Shabbat meetings of this month are listed as follows:

Dec. 18—"Jewish Books, Ltd".

Dec. 25—"At the Year's Close".

The general Jewish public is urged to attend at all times, and a special invitation is open to Jewish men and women on active service.

Mr. Freiman Re-Elected

At the annual meeting of the Vaad Ha'ir held in the Talmud Torah Hall on December 3rd, Mr. A. J. Frieman was unanimously re-elected as President.

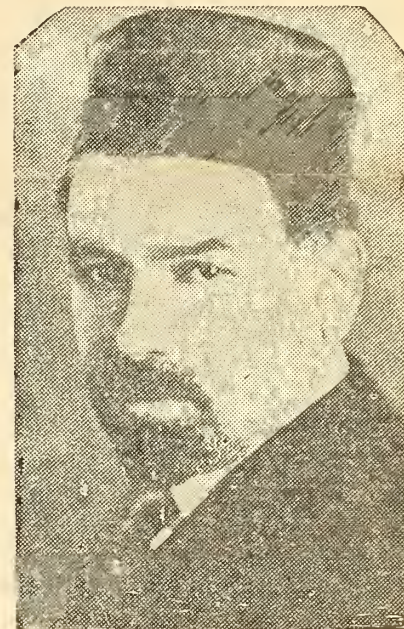
The other officers chosen to serve with him are: C. Caplan and Mr. Thos. Sachs, Vice-Presidents:

Mr. M. Steinberg, treasurer.

Mr B. Pearl, honorary secretary.

Mr. L. Harry Goldman, secretary.

Seminary President to Address Mizrahi Banquet



RABBI SAUL SILBER

Rabbi Saul Silber, the president of the Hebrew Theological College of Chicago, will deliver the principal address at the annual Mizrahi banquet, to be held in the Talmud Torah Hall, Sunday, Dec. 13th, 6.30 p.m. Known throughout the Jewish world for his excellent work in developing out of a small Yeshiva a dynamic theological seminary, Rabbi Silber has continued to occupy the same pulpit in Chicago for thirty-five years. His understanding of the American Jewish scene has made his opinions respected in all circles where Jewish problems are studied, while his original style in Yiddish prose has gained for him a large literary following. His colorful communal career includes important contributions to the founding of the Mt. Sinai Jewish Hospital in Chicago, the Jewish Charities of Chicago, Vaad Ha'Chinnuch, the Marks Nathan Orphan Home, and the Old Peoples' Home of Chicago.

One of the earliest followers of Rabbi Meyer Berlin, the world president of Mizrahi, Rabbi Silber helped to lay the foundations for the Mizrahi ideal in the United States, and he is today a very active vice-president in the American

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The Need for Mizrahi Zionism

To an alarming degree, the conventions of several Zionist groups this past year have found it necessary to state with great emphasis that they are in favor of the undiluted Zionism that Dr. Herzl and his supporters championed. Why alarming? Apparently ideas have gained circulation among many who consider themselves good Zionists that the wisest policy for them to follow leads along paths of appeasement and compromise. No longer are such people scattered individuals; they are making themselves heard through powerful organized units within the world movement. To meet their challenge the necessity arose for the reassertion of the original Herzlian doctrine.

It is but natural that those whose interest in Zion stems from economic, philanthropic, secular-nationalistic or materialistic considerations should be prepared to welcome any solution to the Palestinian problem that promises to be expedient for the moment. Where, however, Zionism grows out of a deep spiritual conviction that the Holy Land is divinely ordained for the Holy People, there can be no room for the geographical or the political carving schemes that are being advanced in some quarters. It is sad enough to be eternally at loggerheads with the stubborn blindness of Jews who still tremble at the very mention of our desire to build up our Homeland, without being confronted with internal tendencies towards the liquidation of Israel's strongest hope; but since such tendencies have arisen, we may surely be grateful for the existence of a staunch group whose religious fervor will never consent to a diminution of our claims to the soil of our ancestors. The Mizrahi Organization has never believed, does not believe today, nor will ever believe that the final answer for Eretz Israel can be attained in any other form except to have all of it administered and controlled by Israel's children.

When, therefore, we are asked this month to support the cause of Mizrahi, let us keep in mind not only the remarkably successful school system it has created in Palestine, the heroic Mizrahi colonies and the unbelievable accomplishments of their pioneer workers, the brilliant institutions of higher Jewish learning sponsored by Mizrahi leaders, but the indispensable need for the voice of this philosophy to be heard in contemporary

Zionism. In a period when conscientious spirits all over the world spend many restless days over the problem of what we should like to see as the outcome of this war, our people must make certain that the fair requests we bring in have the authority of spiritual recognition behind them. The world without, as well as farsighted Zionists within, will appreciate the vital role Mizrahi plays in presenting our maximum case, which is our minimum requirement, and which merits the positive response of those who would write the peace.

The Synagogue Comes First

When should a man become a member of a synagogue? As soon as he is in a position to pay annual dues to any organization.

Unfortunately, a considerable number pay their dues first to several other societies and organizations and do not join a synagogue until they consider themselves capable of paying that membership over and above the earlier obligations. Is it true, that the synagogue has so little to offer the religiously indifferent person that he is unwilling to give it financial support? While that thought is expressed rather frequently, it will not stand up beneath careful analysis.

The fact is that the synagogue is the basic unit in communal organization, that our activities could no sooner thrive without it than the human body without healthy cells. The Jewish congregation is, indeed, the mouthpiece of the Jewish people, despite the occasional attempts of some bodies to usurp unto themselves that prerogative. A mouthpiece need not speak constantly, but it must be able to speak with authority and dignity whenever the situation warrants. Again, a mouthpiece may express its views in the mere silence of its being, and there is a wholesome reverence for the synagogue in the non-Jewish world that in itself justifies the membership of every Hebrew son.

In Ottawa, in particular, our synagogues occupy an eminent position. To see that fact clearly, imagine how our Jewish community would look without them. Jewish education, kosher meat, Hadassah teas, Bnai Brith religious principles—how would these, and similar activities, fare in a synagogue-less community? Actually, the man who pays his synagogue dues has a right to consider that he lays the foundation for every major enterprise in Ottawa Jewry. Thus, the synagogue offers him the satisfaction of making possible every meritorious kind of Jewish service.

If, now, we add to this general picture the undeniable truth that most men acknowledge a need for the direct religious facilities the synagogue makes available to them—whether during the holidays, for a Yahrzeit, at the birth of a son or daughter, the celebration of a wedding—we are led to the conclusion that synagogue membership should be a paramount consideration in the budget of the Jewish family. Would it be revolutionary to suggest, that our other Jewish societies should have an unwritten law not to accept as a member anybody who has not first become affiliated with a congregation? In any event, let us adopt as a practical slogan the theme, **The Synagogue Comes First.**

Your Rabbi Said:

The Biblical definition of an angel is one who gives a blessing before going away..... The ritual of Judaism does for its ideals what the handle does for the hammer: affords the leverage that makes possible the driving power.... A religious value is not only something to live for, but something to live by.... Some say, not everybody can be an idealist; I say, a man cannot be at all, except he be an idealist.... Some people always grumble about the price they paid; others bubble over with enthusiasm about the article they acquired. Likewise, with the attitude of Jews towards their Judaism.

WAR STAMPS AS GIFTS

Always an appropriate gift, and particularly so when we celebrate the military triumph of the Maccabees, is a War Savings Certificate, or a strip of War Savings Stamps. Make your Chanukah present hasten the defeat of the Axis.

BAR MITZVAH—SUDDENLY

If you desire the co-operation of your synagogue and your rabbi in making the Bar Mitzvah of your son impressive, do not spring the event upon them suddenly. The officers of your congregation and the rabbi should be notified at least three months in advance.

PRE-MARITAL CONFERENCE

Whether you plan to be married in Ottawa or elsewhere, Rabbi Fasman will be glad to reserve an appointment for you in which you can discuss the significance of the wedding ritual, as well as the general philosophy of Judaism on all matters pertaining to happiness in the family.

If the wedding is to be solemnized in Ottawa, call the rabbi as soon as you have chosen the date.

GOLD-STAR MOTHER DIES

Mrs. George (Augusta) Wolf died in Ottawa on November 25, one year after her son Sgt.-Pilot Herbert, was killed in action in the North African campaign.

Religious Census

In a religious census of the city of Ottawa, in which our Jewish community participated, it was sadly apparent that thousands of Ottawa residents, and thousands of newcomers, have no church affiliation whatsoever. When the final figures will be released, it will probably be found that percentage of Jews supporting our congregations compares favourably with the situation in other denominations, but nevertheless many Jewish families are neglecting their synagogue obligations.

The Jew who counts himself in, counts.

Chanukah Thoughts, 5703

Included this year in our minds when we pronounce the words of "Al Hanisim" ("For the miracles") will be the events on both the African and the Russian fronts.... The Jews of Ottawa have a right to observe the exchange of gifts, after some excellent work these past months for the Community Chests and the Poppy Day Campaign.... The dedication by the Maccabees of the Holy Temple reminds us that both the Talmud Torah and the Cong. Agudath Achim will soon burn their mortgages.

Harry Goldman to Wed

One of Ottawa's most active communal workers, Mr. L. Harry Goldman, the secretary of the Vaad Ha'Ir, will be married this month to Miss Amelia Levine, B. Com., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Levine, of Fredericton. The wedding will take place in Saint John, N.B., on December 27, and the couple will take up residence in Ottawa after the first of the year.

Mr. Goldman is a member of the Adath Jeshurun choir, the adjutant of the Maccabee Squadron of Air Cadets, the secretary of the Vaad Hakashruth, and the secretary of the annual J. D. C. Campaign.

Must You, Really?

When your child asks for a Christmas tree in your home, are you unable to explain to him that it is not a Jewish symbol? Can you not make him understand that we have our holidays, and particularly Chanukah at this season of the year? Can you not make him realize that the menorah means as much to him as the tree to his Christian playmates? Must you really have a Christmas tree?

Officers of 1942 Mizrachi Palestine Appeal

Hon. Chairmen: Rabbi O. Z. Fasman,
Mr. L. Petegorsky.

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NO CLASSES

Because the Osgoode School Building will be closed at the end of the month for two weeks, the Ottawa Hebrew Sunday School will hold no classes on Dec. 27 and Jan. 3.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Interesting programs continue to highlight the Sunday morning sessions of the Hanoar Study and Breakfast Club at the Cong. Agudath Achim, Rideau Street. The most popular man there: Director Hy. Bessin.

SABBATH CANDLES

December 11	5.02 p.m.
December 18	5.02 p.m.
December 25	5.07 p.m.
January 1	5.12 p.m.
January 8	5.19 p.m.

Message from Mizrachi Palestine Appeal Chairman

The heartening war news received from the East and Africa has brought encouragement to us all, particularly to Zionists who feel relieved that Palestine is out of immediate danger.

However, we in Mizrachi, realizing the acuteness of the situation to follow after the cessation of hostilities, do not feel justified in resting on past laurels, nor is our attitude one of "we have already done our share." The announcement of Rabbi S. Wise telling of the ruthless murder of two million Jews, accents with even more clarity the need for a Jewish National Home.

The Jews of Ottawa, so vitally interested in the survival of the people Israel, its traditions, and its culture, are called upon to aid in the United Mizrachi Palestine Appeal. Second to none in importance and in influence on the establishment of the Jewish Common-wealth in Palestine, the Mizrachi Palestine Appeal can be successful if you will give our workers your fullest cooperation.

They will call upon you within the next few weeks, and we urge you to receive them well. Contribute generously, and even more generously than in the past. We must give to the very limit of our resources so that Israel may live as a nation among nations!

HY BESSIN,

Campaign Chairman.

Blood Donors Needed

Mr. Samuel Lepofsky, the Chairman of the Vaad Ha' Ir War Services Committee, requests that every organization make a concerted effort to have as many of its members as possible give blood to the clinic on Metcalfe Street. A good start in this direction was made last month by the Bnai Brith Lodge, which has established a special committee for this purpose under the chairmanship of Brother Moe Shaffer.

(Notice: Every major project of War Services work must be submitted to the Vaad Ha' Ir chairman for approval.)

SEMINARY PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS MIZRACHI BANQUET

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movement. As one who has visited Palestine and kept constantly in touch with the developments there, he is eminently qualified to discuss the Mizrachi philosophy of Zionism.

A graduate of the Theological College of Chicago, Rabbi Oscar Z. Fasman has been invited to introduce the distinguished guest, while Dr. David Petegorsky will move the vote of thanks.

The chairman of this year's campaign, Mr. Hy Bessin will preside at the dinner, and greetings will be extended by Mr. Leon Petegorsky, the national president of the Mizrachi Organization of Canada. Reservations for the banquet may be made with the convenor, Mrs. Leon Petegorsky, at 3-7325.

Overseas Honor Roll

Latest additions to our list of Ottawa men on active service overseas include:

Abelson, P/O L.

Ellenberg, Pte E.

Feller, F/L J.

Kronick, Sgt./Ob S.

Our community is deeply grieved to learn that Flt./Sgt. Moses Zumar is listed by the R.C.A.F. as missing. One of three brothers overseas who fly with the Air Force, Moe is very popular in Ottawa, and it is sincerely hoped that he will be found safe.

B. WEISS HEADS SOCIETY

The Ottawa Hebrew Benefit Society held its annual election meeting at the Talmud Torah Hall on December 2, and the following officers were chosen:

President: B. Weiss.

Vice-Pres.: B. Bookman.

Fin. Sec'y: Chas. Horwitz.

Rec. Sec'y: M. Gencher.

Treasurer: D. Ginsberg.

Trustees: J. Krantzberg, N. Lang, B. Greenberg.

Inside Guard: D. Friendly.

Marshall: B. Bodnoff.

As we go to press, we hear that the members of the three Ottawa Chapters of Women's Mizrachi will act as hostesses at a social hour in the vestry rooms of Cong. Adath Jeshurun, following the Oneg Sabbath service of Mizrachi Sabbath Friday night, December 11th.

RABBI KLAPERMAN TO ADDRESS BNAI BRITH

The Ottawa Lodge of Bnai Brith will hold its Chanukah meeting in the form of a dinner for members and their wives at the Chateau Laurier, Wednesday, December 9, 6.30 p.m., with Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman of Kingston as the guest speaker.

Mr. M. B. Abrams, the president of the lodge, who returned from a meeting of the Canadian Conference of Bnai Brith at Kitchener, informed the executive committee of the Ottawa Lodge that Rabbi Klaperman's analysis of the Hillel Foundation he directs at Queen's University was the high point of the meeting. Because many Jewish young men and women of Ottawa are attending that school at present, the message of the Hillel Director should prove most interesting.

Reservations may be made with Brother A. Lithwick.

A Call to Duty

The savage extermination of our fellow Jews in Europe emphasizes more cruelly and more tragically than ever before the urgency of our task in rebuilding our Homeland. Every Jewish family rendered homeless and hopeless by the ravages of war increases our responsibility to our people. Every Jew murdered by a Nazi firing squad imposes on us still another sacred obligation.

We must therefore rededicate ourselves anew to our duty of strengthening Eretz Israel in the war and of preparing it for its role in the peace. The Mizrachi Palestine Appeal, by fortifying the people and institutions of Eretz Israel and by helping to rebuild our Homeland in the spirit of our traditions and ideals, is a vital instrumentality in that task.

The Jews of Eretz Israel, in the front line of battle for Jewish survival and a Jewish future, have responded nobly and heroically to the sacrifices that are being demanded of them. We in this country, surely, can do no less.

I am certain that the Ottawa Jewish Community, through its response to the Mizrachi Palestine Appeal, will reveal its recognition of the urgency of the hour and the grave needs of our people.

LEON PETEGORSKY,

Hon. Chairman,

Mizrachi Palestine Appeal.